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Makin Island participating in San Francisco Fleet Week

By USS Makin Island Public Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – U.S. Navy ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), with 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked, will arrive in San Francisco Oct. 6 to participate in San Francisco Fleet Week Oct. 7-12.

San Francisco Fleet Week 2010 (SFFW 10) is a great opportunity for the American public to meet their Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard team and to experience the best of the sea services. More than 3,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are currently scheduled to participate in SFFW 10. This event is a great opportunity to showcase our personnel, equipment, technology and capabilities while highlighting the history we have with San Francisco.

There will be several opportunities to interview the crew and leadership of Makin Island during Fleet Week. Makin Island is the first United States Navy ship to be equipped with gas turbines and an electric drive system, replacing the older technology of steam boilers. With the ship's electric drive running, which is similar in functionality to that of a hybrid car, it is possible to transit longer distances using less fuel. Additionally, Makin Island is the first ship in the U.S. Navy to have an advanced electrical plant that powers all of the ship's auxiliaries, including the capability to produce 200,000 gallons of fresh water every day.

- **Oct. 6. A Media Day will be made available to capture photos, B-roll and limited interviews with the crew after they arrive at pier 30/32 mid afternoon.**
- **Oct. 7. A Senior Leadership Summit will be held aboard from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Media are cordially invited to participate.**
- **Oct. 8. A Community Emergency Reaction Team/Neighborhood Emergency Reaction Team Luncheon and Tour will be held from noon until 3 p.m.**
- **Oct. 9. Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief display will be at Marina Green from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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Operated by a crew of more than 1,000 Sailors, Makin Island is a multi-mission platform that is equipped to meet the needs of our country, whether that is supporting national objectives or by providing much needed relief to a disaster area. Makin Island's revolutionary technology is estimated to save the Navy \$250 million throughout its 40-year lifecycle and is a model for future ship designs.

For further information about San Francisco Fleet Week, please see the official website www.fleetweek.us/

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